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1. IT IS NO SECRET THAT MOST INDONESIANS INVOLVED IN PETROLEUM SECTOR VIEW ARABS, AND LIBYANS IN PARTICULAR, WITH SOME DISDAIN AND CONTEMPT IN PARTICULAR FOR ADOPTING AND MAINTAINING CONFRONTATION- ORIENTED CONCESSION APPROACH TO PETROLEUM RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT. IN GENERAL GOI/ PERTAMINA REPS CRITICIZE ARABS FOR BEING QTE TOO LAZY UNQTE TO DEVELOP COMPETENT STATE OIL COMPANIES. MOREOVER, BECAUSE PERTAMINA MARKETS OWN OIL AND PRICE OF INDONESIAN CRUDE CAN ONLY INCREASE FURTHER AS ENERGY CHALLENGE AND GOVERNMENT/ COUNTRY CONFRONTATIONS INTENSIFY, IT IS NOT
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LIKELY THAT GOI WOULD VIEW INDONESIA' S SELF INTEREST SERVED
BY PLAYING MODERATING ROLE WITH LIBYA OR OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.
IN OTHER WORDS, WITH NOTHING TO LOSE, WHY SHOULD THE GOI DO
ANYTHING WHICH WOULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE PRICE OF INDONESIAN
CRUDE WHEN DEMAND ALREADY FAR EXCEEDS SUPPLY?

2. WITH FOREGOING IN MIND, DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER EX-
PLORING SUBJECT IN OVERALL CONTEXT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENTS WITH
PERTAMINA' S PRESIDENT DIRECTOR GENERAL IBNU SUTOWO, WHO MAY BE
IN WASHINGTON NOW (REFTEL B) , TO SEE WHAT HE MIGHT SUGGEST.
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